



PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1653**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Examiner:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.